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8 November 2018

Mr. Patrick Mackie
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Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Dear Mr. Mackie,

In response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, United States Special Operations Command referred your request to United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) to process and provide a direct response to you. Your FOIA request sought any and all records relating or referring to Abdulrahman al-Awlaki also known as Abdulrahman Anwar Al-Aulaqi.

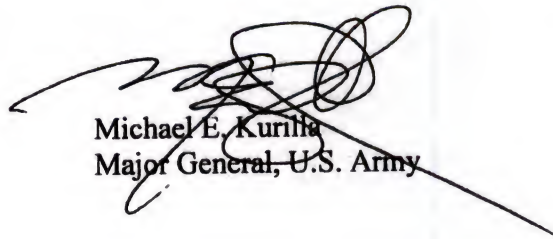
USCENTCOM conducted a thorough good faith search and located two pages. After reviewing the records, I am partially releasing the information to you. The withheld information is exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) inter-agency and intra-agency memorandum; and (b)(6) personal privacy interests.

Accordingly, in my capacity as the Initial Denial Authority for FOIA, by withholding this information, I am partially denying your request under FOIA. No allowable fees could be charged for this request pursuant to DoD Manual 5400.07. For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, The Transparency Office, FOIA Public Liaison (Mr. James Hogan) at OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil. Additionally, you have the right to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense. The appellate address is ODCMO Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. As an alternative, you may use the Office of the Secretary of Defense FOIA request portal at <https://pal.whs.mil/> to submit your appeal electronically, or you can email your appeal to OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil, and state "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Your appeal must be postmarked or submitted electronically within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter, cite USCENTCOM's case #17-0027, and clearly mark "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" in your correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at (813) 529-6285, centcom.macdill.centcom-hq.mbx.freedom-of-information-act@mail.mil, and refer to case #17-0027.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Kurilla
Major General, U.S. Army

Enclosure:

1. Al-Aulaqi ACLU Lawsuit, 25 Jul 12

(b)(6)

CENTCOM CCJ6 (US)

From: Mundy, Carl E III BGen MIL USMC USCENTCOM CCCC-CCCC
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2012 4:44 AM
To: svc_sensa
Subject: FW: [U//~~FOUO~~] Al-Aulaqi / ACLU lawsuit

From: Mattis, James N Gen MIL USMC USCENTCOM CCCC-CCCC
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2012 4:44:10 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: (b)(6) IMA USA USCENTCOM CCJA-SJA
Cc: Harward, Robert S VADM MIL USN USCENTCOM CCDC-DCDR; Horst, Karl R MG MIL USA USCENTCOM CCDC-COS; Mundy, Carl E III BGen MIL USMC USCENTCOM CCCC-CCCC
Subject: RE: [U//~~FOUO~~] Al-Aulaqi / ACLU lawsuit

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Thanks, (b)(6) Appreciate the heads-up. M

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From: (b)(6) IMA USA USCENTCOM CCJA-SJA
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 8:17 PM
To: Mattis, James N Gen MIL USMC USCENTCOM CCCC-CCCC
Cc: Harward, Robert S VADM MIL USN USCENTCOM CCDC-DCDR; Horst, Karl R MG MIL USA USCENTCOM CCDC-COS; Mundy, Carl E III BGen MIL USMC USCENTCOM CCCC-CCCC
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Sir – This is just for your SA; no action required.

As you probably know, (b)(6) and the ACLU have filed suit against the SECDEF, VADM McRaven, LTG Votel, and Director Petraeus, claiming the targeted killings involving Anwar Al-Aulaqi, Abdulrahman Al-Aulaqi, and Samir Khan were unlawful (b)(6) and (b)(6). The lawsuit alleges that Anwar and Samir were victims of a targeted killing on 9/30/2011, and Abdulrahman on 10/14/2011.

As background, (b)(6) had filed an injunction on 8/30/2010 seeking to restrain the US from targeting Anwar. That suit was dismissed on 12/7/2010 on the grounds that (b)(6) lacked standing to assert his son's constitutional rights in (b)(6) absence and that at least some of the issues raised were non-justiciable political questions. No appeal was taken.

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